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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6177

BILL NUMBER: SB 4

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Jan 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Training for School Personnel.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a governing body to adjourn its schools to allow teachers to participate in a basic or inservice course of education and training on suicide prevention and the recognition of signs that a student may be considering suicide. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools would have the option of allowing teachers to participate in education and training on the prevention of suicide. Unless schools would need to purchase course materials for education and training, the bill should present a minimal impact on local school expenditures. Any impact on school expenditures would depend on school governing body action.

Background- Current law already gives schools the option of allowing teachers up to three school days to participate in sessions regarding:

- (1) agriculture,
- (2) teachers' association,
- (3) visiting model schools, or
- (4) autism.

The bill adds a fifth category for which these three days may be used..

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources:

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